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Desiring to bring just condemnation on all persons who knowingly or unknowingly sell false coins, and who sell coins, without a guarantee from them as authors of the catalogue, or of it being understood that all coins sold by them are guaranteed genuine, I send a brief review of the counterfeits in the sale Jan. 10th to 13th, of the Jenks collection.

It is very unusual for the person who catalogues a collection to give the opinion and guarantee of the collector, and if he relied upon them, should have added his own guarantee.

Mr. Jenks was aware that other pieces were counterfeits besides No. 791, as he had been informed by competent numismatists of their falsity.

The coins in the following list in catalogue of the sale held at New York January 10th to 13th, 1881, are all false unless where some error of attribution or condition is noted:

No. 10. Struck from dies. Executed during the 17th Century. 47. Coin of Nero with his bust. Struck at Alexandria. Potin.

95. Pierced and plugged;

275. Not the restored coin of Trajan, of which there could be no mistake, but the common type, worth 50c,

318. Medallion by the Paduan forgers, by casting;

326. A cast;

337. A cast;

340. A cast;

345. 3d B was G. B. of Drusus Sr.;

347. 48 and 49 Poor;

350. A cast;

353. Fair. Tooled;

364. Paduan forgery;

376. Paduan forgery;

381. Poor;

395. A cast;

407. Cast from Aureus;

454. A cast. Tarsus of Hadrian;

468. A Becker forgery.

The cataloguer should have continued his statement of the existing description of the piece in the French Cabinet, which states,

that it bore the letters P. P. as does the above and was doubtful. It is now considered by numismatists to have been false, as it was an impossibility for Pescennius to have obtained the title P. P. from the Senate under the circumstances of his brief reign. Becker executed his forgery after the description.

470. A cast of a Pertinax;

472. A cast;

520. A Becker forgery;

551. Was Gordianus III;

755. Was the hammered threepence, not the rare milled piece;

759. Poor;

791. Struck counterfeit;

920. Was one of Kirk's tokens;

1131. Plugged;

1426. An Obang, not Cobang;

1743. A cast in lead;

1744. A cast in lead;

1745. A cast in lead;

1746. A cast in lead;

1748. A plated counterfeit of the period;

1852. Altered. False date;

2089. Fair. Obv. poor. Been a button!

2393. A cast in type metal coated with a silver wash;

2394. An electrotype.

A total of 25 counterfeits.

In the above list I have given a few instances in which pieces were termed fine or very fine, but were in poor condition. There were very many instances in which coins were not up to description, but it would take too much space to enumerate them. The priced catalogue of a sale in which the coins are over-described, is worthless to a collector,—and gives erroneous impressions, of value, unless the conditions have been subsequently corrected.

In the Hitchcock Collection of Arms, Indian Relics, etc., sold January 14, the day succeeding the Jenks sale, a number of counterfeits appeared. All the wooden handles to the Indian stone axes and the carved handle of "old English oak," of the Battle Axe of the 16th century, were of *American ash*, and judging from the workmanship were made by the same white man. The last named axe was very doubtful, as it had been bur-nished and dressed with an emery wheel and all the engraving was recent.

SAMUEL HUDSON CHAPMAN.

BECKER'S FORGERIES.

Carl Wilhelm Becker was born in Speyer, Germany, in 1771. After having passed his earlier years in mercantile pursuits, we find him in 1806 at Mannheim, employed as a journeyman goldsmith. It is probably at about this time that his wonderful, though nefarious talent as an engraver and counterfeiter of ancient coins began to develop. Subsequently he removed to Offenbach, near Frankfurt, where he became known as a collector and amateur dealer of ancient coins, passing his time pleasantly in personal interviews or correspondence with well known archaeologists, and bringing out, when occasion offered, some of his wonderful productions, or selling them through the Jews in Frankfurt. Although shrewd collectors may at times have suspected that Becker was selling dangerous counterfeits, yet no particular notice of his work appears to have been taken until 1825, when an Italian, Sestini, first made known and described some of the forgeriers of "a certain Becker." At about this time Becker himself publicly acknowledged himself as a copyist of ancient coins, and issued a list of some 206 ancient coins, made as he said in his moments of leisure, and offered for sale at reasonable prices to those collectors who were unable to obtain the costly and rare originals. Becker who died in 1830 only derived a comfortable income from his work, and did not leave any fortune behind him. Per contra, he left over 600 obverse and reverse dies, used in his forgeries, and these dies have since his death been used to strike in soft metal, and for the use of collectors, entire series of his coins.

The work of M. Pinder, published at Berlin, 1843, accurately describes the entire series and also gives interesting surmises of the methods employed by Becker in obtaining such remarkable results. It is supposed that Becker frequently used genuine but common ancient coins in gold and silver as

planchets for his forgeries, leaving the edge intact and thereby often preserving an appearance of antiquity. The process was sometimes supplemented by a skilful rubbing of the sharp edges of the face, giving the coins the appearance of having been slightly circulated, etc.

Pinder in his work describes the following as the total of Becker's work :

Hellenic moneys,	-	-	133
Roman,	-	-	136
Westgothia	-	-	25
Merovingian	-	-	1
Karolingian and later,	-	-	19
Middle Ages and later,	-	-	7
Siege Pieces,	-	-	9
Karl, Prince of Isenburg,	-	-	1
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Total,	-	-	331

Among the Hellenic are found exquisite copies of the rare medallions of Syracuse, and in fact of such coins only as are considered of high artistic beauty or great rarity; the Roman comprise nearly one of every ruler between Julius Cæsar and Glycerius, (A. D. 473), for the greater part so well executed that only actual comparison with the soft metal copies can decide the question of authenticity. The less artistic pieces, such as the coins of the middle ages, etc., are utterly beyond recognition, and got hopelessly mixed up with the originals. Becker, in fact, frequently forces himself to the attention of collectors, and the keenest judgment is necessary to decide the great question of authenticity; yet, considering the fact that the types coined by Becker are all well known, are scarce, and are generally copies of coins on account of their extreme rarity, unobtainable to the great majority of collectors, no one who exercises a little caution will easily be deceived. Becker's coins are exclusively copies of gold and silver coins, none of the brass or copper were made by him.

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ON A COIN OF NERO.

And this is Nero, Emperor of Rome,
The ruler of a realm whose utmost bound
Swept from where Asian mountains shine, snow-crowned,
To waves that over dark rocks surge and comb,
Where wild Atlantic tempests have their home.
The god of sombre passions grimly frowned,
When his fierce hate, temple and palace drowned
In wrathful seas of sanguine, flaming foam.
Ah, kingly craven, whose bright sword ne'er shone
In noble fight, whose voice was never loud
Where victor cheers rang o'er war's crimson tide,
How empty seems the honor of a throne,
When men like you make it a glittering shroud,
For crimes that all brave souls scorn and deride.

THOS. S. COLLIER.

THE FALSE TALISMAN.

Let it be known unto the people that there are men both learned and wise who are the possessors of ancient talismans and tokens of gold, silver, and brass, inscribed with the cabalistic signs and characters of kings,

princes, and potentates who ruled of old; and these wise and prudent men have stores of these talismans, and keep them in their secret chambers, and set great store by them, and if by reason of trouble and affliction their hearts fail within them, they betake themselves unto their talismans and gaze upon the same, and interpret the signs thereon, and their hearts are cheered as with good tidings, and they come forth like strong men and go on rejoicing.

Now there dwelt in a distant country, called the Land of the Sun, a youth who inherited a vast estate, and ancient talismans in gold and silver and brass without number, and this youth wasted his inheritance and sold his talismans unto the sons of Israel, yea, he sold them all but one, and this one the sons of Israel would not buy, for being wise and learned they interpreted the signs thereon and explained them unto the youth, and said, It is not a true talisman of Pescennius, surnamed Niger, whose superscription it bears, but is false, and the work of a sorcerer, one Becker, who dwelt in the forests of Germania. And the youth put the false talisman (which, through his foolishness was all that was left of his inheritance) unto his bosom, and saith, Peradventure I may find elsewhere a purchaser for this talisman. And he departed from his native land, and took ship, and sailed upon a wide and tempestuous sea, and a storm arising, he and his companions were cast upon a bleak and desolate shore.

Now there came forth one of the chief men of the land, and took him, and made him his slave, and set him to dig canals, him and his companions, and gave them a pittance and a hovel for their abode, and exacted from them a monthly tax. And after a time it came to pass, that because of hard toil disease preyed upon the body of the youth from the Land of the Sun, and he laid him upon his couch, sorely afflicted, for many days, and no one comforted him. And the lord of the canal

came unto him, and said: Give me the monthly tax that is due me or I will cast thee into prison. And the youth arose from his couch, and fell at his master's feet, and saith: Behold, my lord, my substance is exhausted, and I have nothing to satisfy thy demand, save a talisman of gold worth one thousand pieces of silver, bequeathed unto me by my father in my native land; and if thou wilt set me free from this bondage and let me return to my native land, I will give it thee. Then pulled he forth the false talisman, and gave it unto his master, and forthwith found favor in his eyes, and his master released him from his bond, and from his tax, and gave unto him an hundred pieces of silver, and the youth took ship, and returned to his native land, and bought a vineyard, and took unto himself a wife, even the daughter of a prince, and grew wise and prosperous.

But the lord of the canal saith, Behold I have a talisman of great price, and I will sell the same, and enlarge my possessions, and buy mules, and houses, and an estate. Now there dwelt not far from him a mighty man, a soothsayer and apothecary, one versed in the knowledge of the talismans of his own country, who bought and sold the same, and whose name was known throughout the length and breadth of the land. And the lord of the canal took a sharp instrument, and bored a hole through the talisman, and hung it with a golden chain around his neck, and mounted his mule, and rode to the apothecary, and showed him the talisman. And the apothecary went into his secret chamber, and took a book of chronicles of the Kings of Gaul, wherein are recorded the names of all the mighty rulers and potentates who coined talismans in days of old, and behold on a certain page in the book was written the name of Pescennius, surnamed Niger, and the apothecary did read, and his understanding was enlightened, for he saw it recorded that the priceless talisman of Pescen-

nius, surnamed Niger, had been stolen from the King's treasury, and that the robbers had fled to a foreign land, and he saith unto himself, In verity this talisman is the same that was stolen from the treasury of the king of Gaul, behold it is of great price and value. Then came he forth and spoke unto the lord of the canal and saith, I will give thee for this talisman five hundred pieces of silver; and he spread a feast unto him, yea beans and pork, (for the flesh of the swine is not accounted impure in that country) and gave unto him a drink from the fountain of living waters that is in the southwest corner of his shop, and they ate, and drank, and were merry. And when the feast was ended the lord of the canal took the money, even the five hundred pieces of silver, and bestrode his mule, and returned unto his native place.

Now the apothecary had many other talismans in gold, and silver, and brass, and he forthwith issued a proclamation unto the people of the land, wherein was an enumeration of the talismans and of the names of the Kings, rulers, and potentates that made them in days of old, and he told the people that on a certain day he would sell the talismans unto them. And he went to a large city on the border of the sea, where dwelt the sons of Knicher, and spread his treasures before them, the talismans, and the jewels, and the precious stones, the pearls and opals and rings and amulets, and likewise the books. Now the children of Knicker looked upon all these previous things and said one to another, Yea, they are good to behold and of great virtue, and we will buy thereof and enrich our treasuries, and for the talisman of Pescennius, surnamed Niger, we will give unto the apothecary one thousand, nay perchance two thousand pieces of fine silver, and it shall be our chief talisman. and we will keep it in our chief chamber, with sentinels to watch over it day and night, lest it be stolen from us as it was from the King of Gaul. But there

dwelt among the children of Knicker a stranger from the distant land of the Parisii, a man wise and learned in the interpretation of talismans of ancient Kings and rulers, and when they showed him the talisman of Pescennius, surnamed Niger, he shrugged his shoulders after the manner of the people of his own land.

Now the children of Knicker were wise after their generation, and they interpreted this and said: It is not a true talisman of Pescennius, surnamed Niger, but is false. And on the day appointed for the sale the apothecary stood before the children of Knicker, and the high steward, who was the custodian of the talismans and other precious things, sat on a throne and called out the number of each talisman, and the children of Knicker sat on the ground before him, and spread out their money, and each talisman was given to the one who offered the highest price. And the children of Knicker, and the people of distant towns, who had gathered together, freely purchased the talismans of the Angli, and of the Galli, and Americani of the high steward, but when he called out the talisman of Pescennius, surnamed Niger, and on a plater of pure alabaster held the same before them, they remained silent, and would not offer their silver for the same.

Then did the apothecary marvel and saith: Will ye not give me even one thousand pieces of silver for this rare and precious talisman? And one of them, a man fearless and strong, their spokesman, arose and spoke unto the apothecary with a loud voice and saith: "It is bogus," which signifieth false. Then did the apothecary perceive his error, and he saw that the talisman was false, and he was angered with himself for his foolishness, by which he had lost much money, even five hundred pieces of silver, and he forth-

with betook himself unto his own country, and returned to his shop, and put the false talisman in a crucible, and took a brazen pestle in his right hand, and with one mighty blow broke he the false talisman of Pescennius, surnamed Niger, into a thousand pieces, and scattered the dust thereof on a field behind his dwelling, and put on sackcloth and ashes and fasted and mourned for seven days and seven nights. And when the days of his fasting were over he stood by the fountain of living waters, that is in the southwest corner of his shop, and took an oath upon the same, and said: The talismans of my own country will I freely buy and sell, but concerning the talismans of Pescennius, surnamed Niger, and other ancient rulers, behold, I am as a babe, and I know nothing, and I will never again buy them, nor sell them, nor harbor them in my house. And he kept his oath, and bought and sold talismans and drugs, and precious ointments, and out of his fountain he sold water to the wayfarers and weary, and he bought and sold the tomahawks and pipes of peace, pearls, and precious stones, and patent medicines, and trafficked much, and abode in his shop, but visited he not again the children of Knicker for a season; and behold the field where he cast the dust of the false talisman became bare and sterile, and is so even to this day.

REVIEWS OF COIN SALES.

To those among American Collectors who may think that our mild criticisms of glaring misstatement and ridiculous errors, found in certain coin catalogues, are too harsh and severe, we commend the perusal of a vigorous and truthful communication on the subject of a late sale, published in the January 29th issue of the *Critic* (New York.)

COIN SALES.

January 7th. Collection of American Coins, etc. 661 lots. Catalogue by H. P. Smith and H. G. Sampson. Sold by Bangs & Co. A twenty shilling note of Colonial Currency of Vermont, 1781, brought \$16.25; variety of this \$10, and a two shilling and six pence, same year and also of Vermont, \$14.30, the highest prices we have ever seen paid for Continental paper money. Faithfully catalogued and a good sale.

January 11th and 12th. Collection of American and Foreign Silver and Copper Coins, etc. 722 lots. Catalogue by Dr. Geo. W. Massamore. Sold by Wm. Seemuller, Baltimore, Md.

January 10, 11, 12, and 13. Collection of Ancient, Foreign and American Coins, etc., chiefly the former property of Mr. Wm. T. Jenks, of Philadelphia. 2500 lots. Catalogue by Mr. W. E. Woodward. Sold by Bangs & Co. A thick paper edition with heliotype plates illustrating 51 principal coins is issued by Mr. Woodward. This sale comprised an unusually large number of Greek, Roman, and fine English Coins. The descriptions of the Ancient Coins were neither felicitous nor accurate, and notwithstanding the assurances contained in the preface, there was a comparatively large number of Becker's counterfeits, casts, etc. The English Coins, per contra, were generally of superior quality, greater rarity and more accurately described.

January 14. The Hitchcock Collection of Coins, Medals, Arms, Stone Relics, etc. 500 lots. Catalogue by Mr. W. E. Woodward. Sold by Bangs & Co.

January 17 and 18. Coins, Paper Money, Union Envelopes, etc., the property of Mr. R. W. Mercer, Cincinnati, O. 529 lots. Catalogue by Mr. S. H. Morgan. Sold by D. F. Henry, Pittsburgh, Pa.

January 24 and 25. Coins and Medals, Ancient and Modern, American and Foreign,

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February 14 and 15. Ancient and Modern Gold, Silver, and Copper Coins and Medals. 1265 lots. Catalogue by Messrs. Geo. W. Cogan & Co. Sold by Bangs & Co. The name of Cogan is a household word among collectors, and we hope to have frequent opportunities of recording future sales conducted by the worthy successor of the father of the American coin trade, Ed. Cogan, Sr.

February 22 and 23. United States and Foreign Coins, Medals, Curiosities, Relics, etc. 818 lots. Catalogue by Dr. Geo. W. Massamore. Sold by Wm. Seemuller, Baltimore, Md.

February 28. Early English Coins, Miscellaneous American, Rare Numismatic Works, etc., etc. 665 lots. Catalogue by Messrs. H. P. Smith and H. G. Sampson. Sold by Bangs & Co.

February 28. Coins, Medals, Paper Money, Stone Implements, etc., etc. 485 lots. Catalogue by Mr. Charles Steigerwalt. Sold at the Auction Rooms, Lancaster, Pa. This is the first coin sale held in Lancaster, Pa., and the fact that Mr. Steigerwalt does not fear to take the initial step, shows that he has faith in the local interest on which all sales away from great coin centers must more or less depend.

COMING SALES.

March 2. Messrs. S. H. & H. Chapman will offer at Bangs & Co., a fine selection of American Coins; also 36 rare Medical Medals, American and Foreign.

March 16, 17, 18. Mr. J. W. Haseltine has a three days' sale at Bangs & Co. We understand that among other rarities about forty varieties of the 1794 cents, including the celebrated "starred" will be offered.

March 23 and 24. Mr. Ed. Frossard will offer at Bangs & Co., a large selection of fine American Coins in Gold, Silver and Copper, California Gold, rare American Medals, unique Grant Medals, Masonic Medals, Becker's Copies of Ancient Coins, Numismatic Works, Coin Catalogues, Curiosities, etc., etc. Catalogues have been placed for distribution in the hands of Messrs. Geo. W. Cogan & Co., H. G. Sampson, J. W. Haseltine, S. H. & H. Chapman, T. Blazy, and the auctioneers, and can be obtained from any of these gentlemen or from us directly, on application. 25 thick paper copies will be priced, and are for sale by us at 50c. per copy.

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A Historic Sketch of the Coins of New Jersey, with a plate containing specimens of the Mark Newbie Copper, and the issues of 1786-7-8; with the obverses, reverses, and combinations of the different varieties of the latter; and a detailed description of the distinctive differences and rarity. By E. Maris, M. D. Folio. Published by the author at Philadelphia, 1881. 120 printed.

The work of Dr. Maris in this field of Numismatics is accurate, intelligent, and exhaustive. By means of the description and plate any variety of New Jersey coins can be placed at once, while the photographic copies of the coins are finely executed, delicate lines connecting the obverses and reverses showing all known combination. This work will henceforth be considered authoritative on the Jersey Coinage, and no collector of Colonial Coins can afford to ignore its existence.

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(From The Liberal Freemason.)

MASONIC MEDALS.

The *Liberal Freemason* has occasionally alluded to medals which have been struck for the Fraternity. It is somewhat remarkable however, that so little attention has been given to this interesting subject in America.

We have many collectors in the Order, who buy Proceedings of various bodies, Orations and Addresses delivered on festival or funeral occasions, and Pamphlets of any kind which relate to the history of Freemasonry; but the numismatic branch of the subject, if we may call it so, has had few devotees.

It is now a very difficult matter to complete sets of Proceedings of any Grand Body, and it is becoming more and more so daily. The desire to accumulate these pamphlets is a laudable one for the Masonic student, and it has been encouraged by many Grand Lodges and Chapters, which have reprinted the earlier issues; but the files in Grand Lodge Libraries are still incomplete, and probably will of necessity always remain so, to a great extent.

The rage against the Order, which built up the Anti-Masonic crusade, was blind and unthinking. Like the Roundheads of England, in the time of Cromwell, who destroyed the carved work and mural tablets, the sacred vessels and parish registers, the painted windows, and the churches themselves, the Anti-Masons burned and destroyed many valuable monuments of historic value, which can never be replaced.

(To be continued.)